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EXXONMOBIL TO RECEIVE EPA REGION 4's "EXCELLENCE IN SITE RE-USE" AWARD FOR THE VCC INITIATIVE

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(**ATLANTA** – November 2016): The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will present the Region 4 Excellence in Site Re-use Award to ExxonMobil in recognition of its commitment and dedication during the VCC Initiative. The award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, starting at 1:00 pm, at the Phoenix Center. The Phoenix Center is located at **6 Dunearn Street**, Greenville, SC, 29607.

From the late 1800s to the **1960s**, the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation (or VCC) owned and operated phosphate fertilizer facilities across the southeastern United States. In 2000, EPA Region 4 and ExxonMobil formed a collaborative agreement known as the VCC Initiative to address the contamination at the properties (also known as VCC sites) where these facilities once operated. Since 2000, ExxonMobil has cleaned up 26 former VCC sites, and worked with property owners and local communities to make site re-use and redevelopment a reality.

The EPA views the cleanup and revitalization of communities once affected by contaminated sites as a key component of its mission to protect human health and the environment. The VCC Initiative has proven to be an excellent opportunity for EPA Region 4 to work with ExxonMobil and their contractors to clean up 26 VCC sites across the southeast, turning previously unusable properties into valuable community assets.



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